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1. [REDACTED] the Central and South China Military Area had established eight garrison areas in order to consolidate its defenses. One regular Army was attached to each garrison area for defensive purposes. The garrison areas and the armies attached to them were as follows:

- 1 Garrison Area (Honan)¹
- 2 Garrison Area (Hupei): 49 Army²
- 3 Garrison Area (Hunan): 46 Army³
- 4 Garrison Area (Kiangsi): 51 Army⁴
- 5 Garrison Area (Kwangtung east of the Canton-Hankow Railroad): 41 Army.
- 6 Garrison Area (Kwangtung west of the Canton-Hankow Railroad): 44 Army
- 7 Garrison Area (Kwangsi): 45 Army⁵
- 8 Garrison Area (Hainan): 43 Army

2. The commander of the army assigned to each garrison area was to be also the commander of the area. Offices of the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 Garrison Areas were integrated into the offices of the provincial military districts, while other garrison area offices were to be supervised by the Kwangtung Military District. 50X1-HUM
3. Other armies in the Central and South China Military Area which were not assigned to garrison areas were under the command of the provincial military

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districts or the Central and South China Military Area,⁶ in addition to being under the control of the garrison area in which they were stationed.⁷

1. [] Comment. No army given.

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[] Comments:

2. The 49 Army is tentatively carried in the Nanning area of Kwangsi and the 9 Army in Hupeh.
3. The 46 Army is now accepted in Korea. The 19 Army is tentatively carried in Hunan.
4. [] information indicates that the 51 Army is in Kwangsi and that the 54 Army is stationed in Kiangsi. 50X1-HUM
5. The 45 Army moved to the Canton area from Kwangsi [] There have been recent indications that it may have moved north toward Korea. The 49, 51, 52, and 53 Armies are currently carried in Kwangsi. 50X1-HUM
6. As far as this office knows, Chinese Communist armies are not under the command of military districts or areas, but take their orders from the People's Liberation Army Headquarters through the regular field army and army group channels. It is difficult to see what advantages could be derived from the subordination of field force units to territorial commands.
7. If [] these "unassigned" armies are under the control of the newly-established garrison areas as well as under military district control, the net result would seem to be the establishment of an illogical dual territorial control over most of the armies in the Central and South China Military Area. This undesirable duplication of command channels would seem to offset any possible defensive advantages that might be derived from the direct subordination of other armies to the garrison areas. 50X1-HUM

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